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We returned here last night after two heavenly weeks at Staunton Hill. The temperature most days was between 90 and 100, but it was fairly dry and somewhat cooler at night.

Staff meeting this morning.

Dean had lunch with me in the office, and told me about [redacted] pending [redacted] business.

Messrs. Jessup and Perkins came to see me about who in the Department would serve as a more or less permanent U. S. Representative on the ANZUS Council at its Washington meetings. It was decided that I, as Under Secretary, should do so.

George Perkins discussed the recent changes in sending Doug MacArthur to Indochina. Since he cannot be released from his present job at SHAPE until after November 1, we have decided to have another look at this, following the election.

While we were at Staunton Hill we listened every day on the radio and for much of the night to the Convention proceedings in Chicago. It seems to me [redacted] Stevenson and Sparkman are about the strongest ticket the Democrats could have named.

There was a meeting in the Secretary's office for briefing on his forthcoming trip to Honolulu, to attend the first meeting of the ANZUS Council.

Tonight E. and I went to have cocktails with Phil and Margaret Bonsal. They have just returned to their [redacted] attractive house in Georgetown after having rented it for years.

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